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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed February 9, 2007, and Advisory Action mailed April 19, 2007, please enter and consider the following amendments and remarks. An extension of time for one month along with the fee for the same is enclosed herewith. No further extensions of time or additional fees are believed due for consideration of the enclosed. However, please provide any further extensions of time that may be necessary and charge any additional fees which may be due to Deposit Account No. 12- 2424, but not to include any payment of issue fees.

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